THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There have been no accidents in the IAF which are directly attributed to inadequacy of pilot training.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A high powered committee on Flight Safety was set up in February 1997, under the Chairmanship of Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri known as Committee on Fighter Aircraft Accidents (COFAA). It had made 84 recommendations. Most of the recommendations of the Committee were accepted, except a few. The Committee made two major recommendations pertaining to pilot training. These recommendations are as follows:—

(i) Procurement of Advanced Jet Trainers; and

(ii) Procurement of Aircraft Simulators for training of air and ground crew.

(e) Out of 84 recommendations of COFAA, 45 recommendations have been implemented so far. 10 were not accepted for implementation. Remaining recommendations are under various stages of implementation.

Army recruitment policy based on population of the states

† 338. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether. Government are aware that the percentage of recruitment of soldiers in the Army has gone down after the adoption of the recruitment policy based on the population of the State;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government of Himachal Pradesh has requested the Central Government to increase percentage of recruitment of soldiers on the basis of recruitable male population; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No Sir, the percentage of recruitment of soldiers in the Army has not gone down after adoption of the policy of Recruitable Male Population.

(b) No such formal request has been received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh in the recent past.

(c) Does not arise.

Revamping the Home Ministry

339. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously thinking of revamping the Home Ministry for effective handing of the increasingly complex internal security situation in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such changes; and

(c) whether the proposed changes are in compliance with the recommendations made by the GOM constituted to look into the internal security system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) the Group of Minister has, *inter-alia,* made the following recommendations relating to Ministry of Home Affairs:—

(i) The Department of Internal Security should be strengthened and should function directly under the Home Secretary. Additional staff should be given to this Department;

(ii) A Policy Planning Division should be set up with a view to developing a 'vision' in matter relating to internal security;

(iii) There is need to further improve the public relations set up and a plan of action may be evolved for this purpose;